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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO ATTEND UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT

REF: A) ADDIS ABABA 2035 B) STATE 099511

- 1. DURING MEETING WITH ETHIOPIAN FON MIN COL. DR. FELEKE GEDLE-GHIORGIS, HE INFORMED ME THAT HE WOULD BE LEADING ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION TO UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT AND WOULD ARRIVE IN NEW YORK MAY 21 OR 22. FON MIN REQUESTED MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE AND RPT AND AMB. YOUNG. HE INDICATED HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS BILATERAL MATTERS AS WELL AS MULTI-LATERAL ONES. HE DID NOT INDICATE HOW LONG HE WOULD REMAIN IN NEW YORK, BUT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT IT WILL BE FOR ENTIRE SESSION.
- 2. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS FON MIN'S REQUEST BE GRANTED, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF FELEKE'S WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AND SIGNS, BEING REPORTED SEPTEL, THAT, IN WORDS OF ONE MOFA OFFICIAL "PENDULUM IS SWINGING BACK IN INTERSTATE RELATIONS TOWARD MORE BALANCED POSITION." EMBASSY HAS SOME REASON TO BE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT IMPROVEMENT IN BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AND CONFIDENTIAL

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